

## **GLBET Islands Committee Logic Model**

Resources: GLBET Island Committee members; other Service staff from both R3 and R5; non-FWS partners; GIS data layers for islands that GLBET GIS/DSS committee is working on; grant for island ranking system development; GLNPO grant for conservation of Great Lakes Islands and binational collaborative of folks working on this project; widespread support for island conservation among resource agencies; ability of certain refuges to purchase island properties (Detroit River IWR, Ottawa NWR, Horicon NWR, Shiawassee NWR, Seney NWR, others); GLBET islands website; Great Lakes Islands factsheet; potential for many federally-owned (BLM, Coast Guard, etc.) islands to come up for sale in next few years; SOLEC support of islands as indicator of Great Lakes quality; IAGLR support of islands conservation initiative

Activities: Establishment of a binational collaborative; conference calls; meetings; grant writing; website updates; preparation of outreach materials; research; field activities; Refuge purchases and expansions; presentations at various meetings

Outputs: list of priority islands; peer-reviewed islands ranking system; islands conservation strategy; State of the Islands report; outreach materials (guides for public and private island landowners, Great Lakes island factsheet); grant money to continue islands conservation strategy; updated webpage; IAGLR session on islands

Short-term outcomes: Establish a binational collaborative dedicated to addressing the issue of Great Lakes islands conservation; demonstrate the importance of Great Lakes islands; develop conservation strategy for Great Lakes Islands; secure funding to promote conservation strategy; increase multi-partner coordination and involvement in islands issues; identification of priority islands for conservation; ability to rank islands in terms of ecological significance; have general info on Great Lakes islands website widely available to public

Mid-term outcomes: new islands or island properties incorporated into refuge system and managed appropriately; island landowners learning appropriate land management activities; ecologically significant islands identified and protected/managed; Federally-owned islands managed appropriately; wider awareness of island significance among public and agencies; future needs for island conservation identified

Long-term outcomes: Sustainable natural communities on islands; long-term, appropriate protection and management of important and rare fish, wildlife, and plants, and their island habitats

Using the above Logic Model, we can draft statements to describe the focus and intent of our program:

The mission of the GLBET Islands committee is to identify priority islands and island properties, and develop methods and tools for public and private island landowners to become aware of the significance of these properties and to learn to appropriately manage these properties, resulting ultimately in long-term protection and management of significant ecological communities on Great Lakes islands.